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SUBJECT: 58TH ECOSOC: ELECTIONS - CHILE

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1. DEPT AGREES THAT ELECTION OF URUGUAY OVER LA AGREED CANDIDATE CHILE, AS REPORTED REFTEL, IS IRREGULAR AND UNFORTUNATE BREAK WITH LONG-HELD UN ELECTION CUSTOM. POSSIBLY THERE MAY BE GROUND TO ARGUE URUGUAY'S ELECTION IN SPITE OF ITS STATEMENT THAT IT WAS NOT A CANDIDATE WAS ILLEGAL. BASED ON INFO CONVEYED REFTEL, HOWEVER, DEPT IS NOT NOW IN POSITION TO CONCUR IN VIEW THAT SECRETARIAT LEGAL COUNSEL GAVE OPINION WHICH WAS "ILLEGAL" OR INVOLVED "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF SOVEREIGNTY OF MEMBER STATES;" IT WISHES TO CONSIDER QUESTION FURTHER.

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2. ACCORDINGLY, DEPT SUGGESTS MISSION NOT RPT NOT APPROACH

SECRETARIAT AT THIS TIME. PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION (RECORD OF MEETING WOULD BE HELPFUL) AND ANALYSIS SO THAT DEPT CAN DETERMINE WHETHER AN APPROACH TO SECRETARIAT IS CALLED FOR.

3. WE SHARE MISSION'S CONCERN WITH POLITICAL AS WELL AS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS OF CHILE'S DEFEAT DESPITE URUGUAY'S STANCE. SUGGEST MISSION EXPLORE WITH CHILE AND URUGUAY POSSIBILITY OF URUGUAY FORMALLY RESIGNING FROM HRC. IF

THEY FAVOR THAT COURSE, URUGUAY SHOULD BEFORE RESIGNING SEEK ASSURANCE FROM AKHUND AND SECRETARIAT THAT IMMEDIATE FRESH ELECTION TO FILL RESULTANT VACANCY WILL TAKE PLACE. IN THAT EVENT, URUGUAY SHOULD BE PRESENT AT NEW ELECTION TO AFFIRM IT IS NOT A CANDIDATE. KISSINGER

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